

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 12, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-10 remain in this application, where claim 2 had been previously canceled without prejudice and claims 11-16 have been canceled without prejudice by the present amendment. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications. Claim 1 is independent.

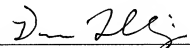
In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, claims 11-16 have been canceled without prejudice.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or

averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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